



Date: May 23, 2005
To: Members of the Marine Advisory Commission
From: Mark A. Sandoval, Manager of Marinas and Beaches
Subject: MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2005
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

Commissioners Present

Richard L. Miller, Chair
Bradley Whyte, Vice Chair
Holly Carpenter
Harry Hutton
Randy Crawford
Peter Hogenson
Mike Reed

Marine Bureau Personnel

Mark Sandoval, Manager, Marine Bureau
Vivian Crook, Secretary, Marine Bureau

City Staff

Mark Boone, Chief, Marine Safety, LBFD
Tom Keleher, LBPD Sergeant, Marine Patrol
Dave Akins, Officer, Marine Patrol
Jeff Edwards, Supt., Maint. Oper. Bureau
Dennis Eschen, Manager, Plan. & Devel. Bureau
Robert Lafoon-Villegas, Admin. Analyst, 2nd Dist.
Avonne Gravel, Admin. Analyst, 3rd Dist.
Stephen Scott, City Manager's office
Ken Bott, City Budget office

Commissioners Absent

Mike Malbon
Dave Calhoun

Guests

Bud Johnson, DBW Commissioner
Amy Bently-Smith, Grunion Gazette
Carl Kirnbauer, LBMBOA
Erik Thorsen
Teena Lutes, Trace Marine Environment
Craig Manicki, Trace Marine Environment
Ted Kuhn, boatowner

Chairman Miller convened the meeting at 2:30 p.m., at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

ROLL CALL

Mark Sandoval called the roll of commissioners and introduced Marine Bureau personnel, City staff, and guests.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The April 7, 2005, MAC minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Craig Manicki of Trace Marine Environment (TME) gave a presentation and demonstration on solutions for cleaning the marine environment. TME is a company that has been evolving over the past five years. They would like to partner with marinas, using Clean Vessel Act (CVA) grant monies set aside by DBW for marinas to use to implement programs to help keep marinas clean. They will provide a valet pumpout boat (one boat for every 500 vessels), monthly pumpout services to boatowners, dye tablets, and “socks” for the bilge area (four per boatowner, per year) that will turn hydrocarbons into a solid consistency for disposal. The cost to the boatowner will be \$1 per foot per month. Boatowners without heads would be excluded from the program.

Commissioner Reed asked if this program was in use elsewhere.

Craig Manicki replied that the program was not in use at any other marina. He did say that two other marinas back East were using the “socks.”

Commissioner Hogenson asked how TME receives payment for their service, and if boatowners would be charged whether or not they use their head.

Craig Manicki said that they would receive payment through boatowner slip fees, and that boatowners would pay for the program even if they did not use their head.

Mark Sandoval stated that he was concerned that the \$1 per foot per month charge would be high for owners of small boats.

Carl Kirnbauer stated that a program that would clean the marine environment would be wonderful, however an additional dollar per foot per month fee would run into a huge resistance.

Chairman Miller said that the Operations Committee would review the proposal. He asked Mr. Kirnbauer to write down any questions he might have for the Operations Committee to review. He asked the Committee to bring it back next month for review by the MAC. He encouraged everyone to look up Trace Marine Environment on line.

- Steve Scott from the City Manager's office spoke about the City's three-year financial strategic plan and distributed community feed back cards. The Fiscal Year 2006 Budget will go into effect October of this year. He discussed items in the three-year financial strategic plan, actions that have been taken over the past two years as part of the three-year plan, and upcoming opportunities for the community to participate by direct input into the development of the budget. His presentation was primarily regarding the City's General Fund. He explained that the General Fund is used to support the Police Department, Fire Department, Parks and Recreation, libraries, infrastructures, graffiti abatement, and other City services which are supported primarily by tax dollars, i.e., property taxes, sales taxes, utility user taxes. He explained that the City has a structural deficit problem in the General Fund, and that revenues were not keeping pace with expenditures. He stated that the structural deficit over the last two years has been reduced by \$72 million. He also stated that there is still approximately a \$30 million dollar deficit left to solve.

Mark Sandoval stated that each department has been tasked with budget cuts, and explained that the Tidelands Fund is separate from the General Fund, but is affected by it. He stated that the true structural deficit in the Tidelands is approximately \$5.4 million. He said that the marinas are sound, however the Tidelands Fund with its \$12 million operating deficit, and the RBH (area) Fund with its \$7 million deficit, is creating a problem that can't be solved by Port and Oil money.

Commissioner Hogenson remarked that the Tidelands Fund is subsidizing the Hyatt and the parking structure, and that this issue should be dealt with.

Mark Sandoval explained that to do that would cause the Tidelands Fund to be fixed on the back of the General Fund. This would not be a solution; it would be a shifting of the problem. Cuts can be made anywhere, but wherever they are made they are going to hurt.

Vice Chairman Whyte explained that the money would come from different pockets of the same pants.

Mark Sandoval stated that this issue was addressed in last year's MAC Annual Report, and that he assumed the MAC would want it to be noted again in this year's report.

Regarding budget cuts, Mark Sandoval stated that he has four vacancies in the Marine Bureau now and is faced with the decision of whether or not he should fill the vacant superintendent's position. He said that the City is faced with cuts that will affect whether the beaches will be guarded, left dirty, or whether there will be on-the-water or on-the-land security reductions.

Jeff Edwards remarked that he has a vacant electrician's position that isn't being filled, which makes it difficult to provide service to his customers. He said that at this time he has seven vacancies in a staff of sixteen.

- Mark Sandoval stated that he reviewed the MAC Annual Report and said that he would complete the first draft which would include accomplishments such as review of the smoking on the beach ban, making the Dog Zone permanent, instituting the Wide Slip Fee, review of the rules for on dock barbeques and the undersizing policy, and the implementation of liability insurance requirements. He stated that under "Observations" he would highlight the 10% set aside for infrastructure (which is not happening now), and highlight the way the smoking ban issue ended.

Chairman Miller commented that under on page 9, Goal 3, the words "quality service" might be used instead of "outstanding service". And, in the Department Preamble on page 13 under Personal Benefits (3), he felt that "aquatic activities" should be added. Also, on Page 14 under Social Benefits he felt that "safety" should be added.

Mark Sandoval explained that the Department Preamble portion of the report was a department document that was added to the package and that he could not make those changes.

Chairman Miller said that he would talk to Phil Hester about changes to the Department Preamble. Also, on page 16 under Marine Facilities, he felt clarification should be made regarding Marine Stadium, Rainbow Lagoon, and Colorado Lagoon as to the difference between recreational swimming areas and boating areas.

Mark Sandoval agreed that this should be clarified.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

BUREAU MANAGER'S REPORT

Marina Operations Report

Mark Sandoval gave the report for the Marine Bureau Major Accomplishments, the Monthly Fund Budget Report for ABM/LBSM/RBH, the Total Vessels In and Out by Marina, and the Slip Status Report for the month of April.

- Commissioner Carpenter asked about the response from boatowners for the filling of vacant slips in LBSM.

Mark Sandoval replied that a letter was sent out to those on the Waiting List (in certain sizes), letting them know that they are close to being called and what paperwork would be required. Some of the boatowners are very ready to accept slips and some have not responded. He said that the Bureau would wait a couple of days for a response, and then would go ahead and call the next person on the list.

- Mark Sandoval stated that construction is on schedule to finish the rebuild of the LBSM early in 2007. He met with the Fire Department to solve an electrical problem (code interpretation). 50 percent of this problem has been solved, and they will meet again to solve the whole problem.

Maintenance Operations Report

Jeff Edwards gave the Marine Maintenance status report for the month of April.

- Maintenance has begun installing much needed exhaust fans in the marina restrooms.
- Grounds Maintenance was contracted out some time ago, and the new management is doing an excellent job.
- Marine Maintenance is working out the visual presentation of the work order report comparisons to be provided on a quarterly basis. They expect to have it ready for next month's report to the MAC.

Marine Safety Report

Chief Mark Boone gave the Marine Safety status report for the month of April.

- The State Attorney General has redefined the definition of kite boards. Kite boards will be redefined as a vessel and they will operate under the same restrictions.
- Recurrent Lifeguard training was cancelled this year. Marine Safety usually fills 82 positions for the summer. This year 94 people want to come back to full-time positions.
- Marine Safety is not sure if they will have enough boats to put in service this summer due to engine problems.
- The Junior Lifeguard Program was capped at 500 this year.
- The Marine Safety revenues study has been completed.

Marine Patrol Report

Sergeant Keleher reported on Marine Patrol activities for the month of April.

- Auto burglaries are down as a direct result of Marine Patrol officers arresting a Shoreline Village security guard who was burglarizing cars.
- Marine Patrol is gearing up for the Gay Pride parade this weekend and will assist with control of the added crowds in the marina.

Executive MAC

- All covered

Operations Committee

- All covered

Finance Committee

- All covered

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Facilities Committee

Commissioner Reed reported on Facilities Committee issues:

- Marine Bureau staff will be scheduling a meeting with Long Beach Transit regarding the Aqua Link dock in ABM. MAC members are invited to attend.
- DBW funding is being sought for the installation of the nine buoy cans off the pier.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- None

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting is set for June 9, 2005, at 2:30 p.m.

cc: Phil T. Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine
City Clerk